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## Civil Society Leadership Awards 2020–2021

OPEN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Application Deadline: May 15, 2019

### **AYLS92\_Civil Society Leadership Awards - Open Society Foundations\_Simplified**

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## Civil Society Leadership Awards

The Scholarship Programs' Civil Society Leadership Awards provide fully-funded scholarships for master's degree study to individuals who clearly demonstrate a deep commitment to leading positive social change in their communities.

**The Civil Society Leadership Awards will not be offered for the academic year 2021–2022, while we consider program redesign and adjustments. Please check back in spring of 2021 for further updates. For informational purposes, you can find eligibility guidelines, application instructions, and supporting materials for the most recent Civil Society Leadership Awards competition below.**

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- be a citizen of an eligible country;
- demonstrate maturity, flexibility, and civil society leadership potential
- have an earned bachelor's degree as of May 15, 2019 with an excellent academic record;
- demonstrate professional experience related to your chosen field of study;
- demonstrate proficiency in the language of instruction (English, German or French) at a level required for admission by host universities;
- be able to participate in an intensive pre-academic summer school in July or August 2020 and start their degree program in August or September 2020;
- be able to receive and maintain a visa or study permit as required by the host country; and
- demonstrate a clear commitment to their home country or region to strengthen open society development.

The awards are available to citizens of the following countries:

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Cambodia
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Laos
- Libya
- Myanmar/Burma
- Republic of Congo
- South Sudan

Sudan  
Syria  
Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Uzbekistan

Awards are available for study in the following areas:

Communications, Journalism & Media  
Culture, History & Society  
Development Studies  
Economics  
Education Management & Leadership  
Environment & Natural Resource Management  
Gender Studies  
Human Rights  
Law (including Human Rights law)  
Politics & International Studies  
Public Health Policy & Health Management  
Public Administration  
Public Policy  
Social Policy  
Social Work

The Open Society Foundations and Scholarship Programs are committed to equal opportunity, and exercise that policy in relation to all admissions processes. CSLA does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

## Purpose and Priorities

Competition for the Civil Society Leadership Awards is open and merit-based. Selection is based on an applicant's fit with the program's objectives as well as the graduate admissions criteria of the participating universities. Academic excellence, professional aptitude, leadership potential in the field of specialization, proven commitment to open society values, and appropriate language proficiency are all important factors in evaluation.

All eligible applicants will be reviewed by an international selection committee. The proposed field of study should be logical for the goals expressed, and the application itself should be well-organized and complete. Compelling candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee comprised of university representatives, CSLA staff, and partner organization representatives, such as the German Academic Exchange Service ([DAAD](#)).

# Guidelines

## Selection and Notification Cycle

Applications must be submitted by midnight, May 15, 2019, Eastern Daylight Time.

Uncompetitive and/or ineligible applicants will be notified in late August.

Applicants who pass external review become semi-finalists and will be invited to an interview to be scheduled in late September or October.

Semi-finalists are required to secure two (2) letters of recommendation which must be submitted directly to CSLA by referees by October 1, 2019.

Semi-finalists will be required to take an official language test by the end of October 2019; all candidates invited to an interview are entitled to one (1) language test, arranged and paid for by CSLA.

Final selection will be held in November; results will be sent via email by January 2020.

Successful semi-finalists are now CSLA finalists, and CSLA staff will initiate their host university placement process.

The CSLA university placement process takes time; CSLA will strive to confirm placements for finalists by late April 2020.

Once placement is secured, CSLA finalists will be notified that they are now CSLA grantees, and will be asked to sign and return a formal grant document before any further actions can be taken.

Interested applicants must complete an online or paper CSLA application and submit along with supporting documentation to be considered for CSLA support.

## Online Application

All candidates are strongly encouraged to apply online if possible using the [Open Society Foundations grant portal](#), an online platform. To apply online, please register on [the portal](#) and then follow instructions.

## Paper Application

Paper applications may be accessed in the Download Files section of this page. Please download the application form before completing or printing, and review the accompanying materials before submitting your application.

If you are applying in French, you must download and email or mail in an application form. Please consult How to Apply for further information.

If you have further questions, please consult the Frequently Asked Questions.

All application materials in French will be available on this page from March 21, 2019.

## Download Files

[2020 Civil Society Leadership Awards: Guidelines \(201.13 Kb pdf file\)](#)

Download the complete guidelines.

[2020 Civil Society Leadership Awards: How to Apply \(185.44 Kb pdf file\)](#)

Download the document describing how to apply.

[2020 Civil Society Leadership Awards: Host University Guide \(594.11 Kb pdf file\)](#)

Download the host university guide.

[2020 Civil Society Leadership Awards: Frequently Asked Questions \(195.99 Kb pdf file\)](#)

Download the list of frequently asked questions.

[2020 Civil Society Leadership Awards: Application \(705.51 Kb docx file\)](#)

Download the application form.

[Prix du Leadership de la Société Civile : Lignes directrices \(195.26 Kb pdf file\)](#)

Download the complete guidelines in French.

[Prix du Leadership de la Société Civile : Comment candidater \(229.71 Kb pdf file\)](#)

Download the document describing how to apply in French.

[Prix du Leadership de la Société Civile : Questions fréquemment posées \(207.98 Kb pdf file\)](#)

Download the list of frequently asked questions in French.

[Prix du Leadership de la Société Civile : Formulaire de Candidature \(88.97 Kb docx file\)](#)

Download the application form in French.

## **AYLS92\_FAQ\_PDF**

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### **AYLS92\_Host University Guide\_PDF**

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## **Civil Society Leadership Awards 2020–2021**

### **AYLS92\_How to Apply\_PDF**

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FOUNDATIONS**

HOW TO APPLY

## **Civil Society Leadership Awards 2020–2021**

**OPEN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Application Deadline: May 15, 2019

### **AYLS92\_Who We Are - Open Society Foundations\_Articles**

SourceURL: <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/who-we-are>

# WHO WE ARE

The Open Society Foundations, founded by George Soros, are the world's largest private funder of independent groups working for justice, democratic governance, and human rights. We provide thousands of grants every year through a network of national and regional foundations and offices, funding a vast array of projects—many of them now shaped by the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[George Soros](#)

[Our History](#)

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## HISTORY

George Soros, the founder and chair of the Open Society Foundations, began his philanthropic work in 1979, funding scholarships for black African university students in South Africa and for East European dissidents to study in the West. Today, his Foundations fund groups and projects in more than 120 countries.

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**1979** Starting to Build a  
More Open World



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**1984** Encouraging Dissent  
Behind the Iron  
Curtain



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**1986** Supporting  
Democracy in China



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**1989** Fostering Open  
Societies in the  
Former Soviet Bloc



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**1991** Central European  
University Opens Its  
Doors



[Explore the full timeline](#)

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# MISSION



We believe that the solutions to the national, regional, and global challenges we face demand the free exchange of ideas and thought, and that everyone should have a voice in shaping the policies that affect them.

We therefore work to build vibrant and inclusive societies, grounded in respect for human rights and the rule of law, whose governments are accountable and open to the participation of all people.

We do this by supporting a diverse array of independent voices and independent organizations around the world—the civil society that provides a creative and dynamic link between the governing and the governed.

We have a special focus on supporting those who face discrimination purely for who they are, such as Europe's Roma people, and for those who find themselves pushed to the margins.

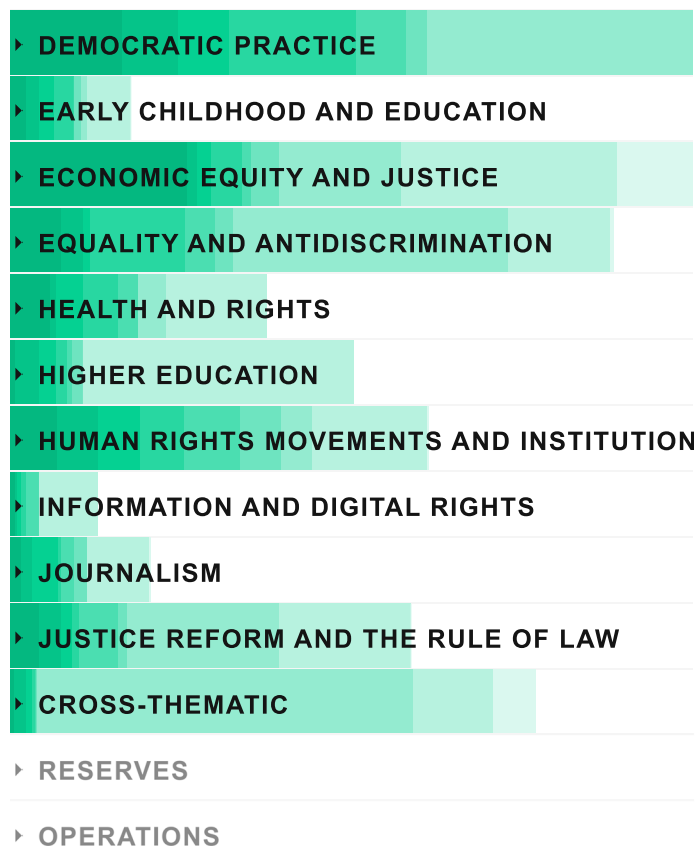
mainstream society—such as drug users, prisoners, or sex workers.

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## FINANCIALS

The Open Society Foundations are the largest private human rights funder in the world, working to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. Since its inception, the Open Society Foundations have had expenditures of more than \$15 billion.

### 2020 Budget



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**TOTAL**

| 0

| 50

| 100

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# LEADERSHIP

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## George Soros

Founder / Chair

George Soros launched his philanthropic work in South Africa in 1979. Since then he has given over \$32 billion to fund the Open Society Foundations, which work in over 120 countries around the world.



## **Alexander Soros**

Global Board Member

Alexander Soros is the deputy chair of the Open Society Global Board and a member of the Open Society-U.S. Advisory Board.



## **Patrick Gaspard**

President



## **Leonard Benardo**

Vice President



## **Johanna Chao Kreilick**

Executive Officer





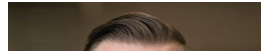
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# PROGRAMS OFFICES AND FOUNDATIONS

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In addition to our national and regional foundations, the Open Society Foundations' work is supported by a network of thematic and geographic programs, whose activities include funding, research, advocacy, and litigation.

[Learn more about our programs](#)

The Open Society Foundations form a global network of entities and programs committed to local knowledge and national expertise. Our network includes national and regional foundations, as well as programs with regional or global reach, active in more than 120 countries, including hubs in Europe and the United States.

[View our offices and  
foundations](#)

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# BOARDS

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The boards of the Open Society Foundations guide the strategy, budgets, and direction of our work.

Comprised of advocates for open society values from around the world, our boards provide expert advice and oversight.

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boards](#)

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# VOICES

Read the latest from our staff, grantees, and partners about how we're working around the world to build vibrant and inclusive democracies whose governments are accountable and open to the participation of all people.

[Learn more](#)

# HOW WE FUND

Every year the Open Society Foundations give thousands of grants to groups and individuals that work on the issues we focus on—promoting tolerance, transparency, and open debate.

[Learn more](#)

## WHO WE ARE

Our History  
George Soros  
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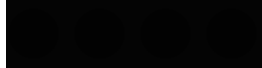
## HOW WE WORK

How We Fund  
Grants, Scholarships,  
and Fellowships  
Awarded Grants

Events  
Newsroom  
Publications  
Employment  
Contact Us

## WHAT WE DO

Where We Work  
Themes



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